

Remarks

In the aforesaid Office Action, restriction was required to one of claims drawn to a plication band and claims drawn to a method.

All claims to a method have been withdrawn.

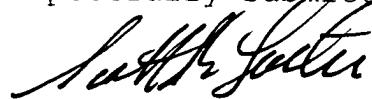
Claims to the plication band have been extensively amended, with a new independent claim 28 presented and dependent claims amended to depend from the new independent claim.

It is believed that claims 28, 3-6 and 11-14 are in condition for examination.

In the event that any fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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